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HOUSE BILL NO. **10815**

Introduced by: **REP. SALVADOR A. PLEYTO, SR.**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

A Barangay Captain is, first and foremost, a servant-leader. It is a highly esteemed position and the role to be carried is laden with huge responsibilities, akin to how a parent cares for their children. They are the first line of government services and are responsible for ensuring the welfare of their constituents, from providing basic services, initiating developmental projects and mediating disputes among their constituents.

Similar to the Barangay Captain, the Barangay Kagawad and Sanguniang Kabataan members also play a significant role in governing their community. They are not just a supporting complement to the Barangay Captain, but vital segments of the barangay leadership.

Recognizing the significant roles of the aforementioned barangay officials, this measure seeks to ensure that the national and local government policies, projects, and programs can be adequately carried out by the elected barangay officials by giving them a longer period of time to govern from three (3) years to four (4) years with the eligibility to be elected in three (3) consecutive terms.

Further, with the extended term of office, barangay officials will not be carried with political changes every three (3) years as they presently carry the same term with other local and national government officials.

In view of the above, the consideration and passage of this measure is hereby earnestly sought.

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AN ACT FIXING THE TERM OF BARANGAY OFFICIALS TO FOUR (4) YEARS FOR THREE (3) CONSECUTIVE TERMS

Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. Section 1 of Republic Act No. 9164, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 1. *Date of Election.* – There shall be synchronized barangay and sangguniang kabataan elections, which shall be held on July 15, 2002. Subsequent synchronized barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan elections shall be held on the last Monday of October 2007 and every three (3) years thereafter.

***PROVIDED,* THAT THE BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN ELECTIONS SHALL BE SUBSEQUENTLY HELD ON THE FIRST MONDAY OF DECEMBER 2027 AND EVERY FOUR (4) YEARS THEREAFTER"**

SEC. 2. Section 2 of Republic Act No. 9164, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 2. *Term of Office.* – The term of office of all barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan officials ~~after the effectivity of this Act~~ shall be ~~three (3)~~ **FOUR (4)** years.

No barangay or sangguniang Kabataan official shall serve for more than three (3) consecutive terms. Voluntary renunciation of the office for any length of time shall not be construed as an interruption in the continuity of his service for the full term for which he was elected.

SEC. 3. *Hold Over* – All incumbent barangay and sangguniang Kabataan officials shall remain in office until their successors shall have been elected, qualified and assumed office, unless sooner removed or suspended for cause; *Provided,* That barangay and sangguniang Kabataan officials who are ex-officio members of the sangguniang bayan, sangguniang panglungsod, or sangguniang panlalawigan, as the case may be, shall continue to serve as such members in the Sanggunian concerned until their successors shall have assumed office.

SEC. 4. *Appropriations* – The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be taken from the appropriations of the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) under the General Appropriations Act and/or supplementary appropriations thereafter.

SEC. 5. *Repealing Clause.*- All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, ordinances, rules and regulation, and other issuances or part thereof which are inconsistent with this Act, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 6. *Separability Clause* – If for any reason any provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions not otherwise affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

SEC. 7. *Effectivity* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,